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In re Application of: Eric J. Gould )  
Application No. 09/298,586 ) **DECISION ON PETITION FOR**  
Filed: April 23, 1999 ) **ACCELERATED EXAMINATION**  
For: METHOD AND COMPUTER ) **UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII)**  
PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING AND )  
CONTRACTING CONTINUOUS )  
PLAY MEDIA SEAMLESSLY )

This is a decision on the petition, filed September 15, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) states in relevant part:

A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

(a) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i);

(b) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, ...

(c) Submits a statement(s) that a pre - examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement;

(d) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and

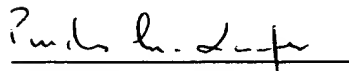
(e) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

In those instances where the request for this special status does not meet all the prerequisites set forth above, *applicant will be notified and the defects in the request will be stated*. The application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. In those instances where a request is defective in one or more respects, applicant will be given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Group Special Program Examiner.

Applicant's submission is deficient in that it merely reproduces the Abstracts provided in each reference accompanied by a statement that the particular reference does not include the features of the claimed invention. Note that the *identical statement*, that the entirety of the independent claims are not taught or suggested by the reference, is presented for each of the references purported to be "most closely related". That is, the submission does not satisfy the requirement, as it does not provide a *detailed discussion* of the references and it does not point out how the *claimed subject matter is patentable over the references*.

Accordingly, the Petition is **DENIED**. The application file is being forwarded to Central Files to await examination in its proper turn based on its effective filing date.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within two months of the mailing date of this decision.



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